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In re application of:
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Reply to Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, represented by claims 136-163 and 171-173. Within Group I, Applicant elects the species corresponding claim part (a)(ii) of claim 136, *viz.*, two partially complementary upper and lower oligonucleotides that form a single-stranded transcription bubble region comprising a defined site from which an initiator and a suitable RNA polymerase can synthesize an abortive oligonucleotide product; and further elect the species, DNA, as the target specific linker. The elected species correspond to claims 136, 137, 139-142, 144-156, 162 and 171-173.

This election is made with traverse, for the following reasons.

I. The Restriction of Groups I and II

The Examiner has required election of one group from two groups of claims, as presented below.